

**Common Course Outline**  
**CRJU 252**  
**Legal Issues for Security Personnel**  
**3 Credits**

**The Community College of Baltimore County**

**Description** – CRJU 252 - **Legal Issues for Security Personnel** examines legal problems in the private security sector. Topics include powers and restrictions of private police, a comparison of the power of private police with those of public law enforcement agencies, and civil liability as covered through current case studies.

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**Prerequisites: CRJU 101**

**Overall Course Objectives**

Upon completion of this course the students will be able to:

1. summarize the historical development of private security in this country;
2. analyze state and federal regulation of private security;
3. describe the education requirements for professions in private security
4. explain the legal and ethical limitations that govern employment, training and supervision of security personnel;
5. interpret the search and seizure laws which apply to private security enforcement;
6. explain civil liability issues related to private security;
7. summarize the criminal liability defenses which impact private security;
8. explain private security's role in enforcing the law, including evidence and proof;
9. compare and contrast essential components of public and private security; and
10. apply information contained in selected case decisions to policymaking in private sector justice.

**Major Topics**

- I. Historical foundations of private security
- II. Regulation, licensing, education and training: the path to professionalism
  - A. Federal and state regulations
  - B. Modern education programs
  - C. Ethical considerations
- III. The law of arrest, search and seizure; applications in the private sector
  - A. Arrest and private sector
  - B. Search and seizure: public and private police
  - C. Challenges to the safe harbor of private security
- IV. Civil liability of security personnel
  - A. The nature of civil liability

- B. Classification of civil wrongs/torts
- C. Vicarious liability
- D. Remedies under the Civil Rights Act
- V. Criminal liability of security personnel
  - A. Problem of criminal liability
  - B. Criminal acts
  - C. Defense to criminal acts
  - D. Private security and Miranda warnings
- VI. The enforcement of laws and the interpretation of evidence
  - A. Classification of offenses and related penalties
  - B. Specific types of crimes and offenses
  - C. Evidence and proof
- VII. Public and private law enforcement
  - A. Relationship between the public and private sectors
  - B. Positive programs on interaction and cooperation
- VIII. Selected case decisions

### **Course Requirements**

Students are required to utilize academically appropriate sources.

Grading/Exams: Grading procedures will be determined by the individual faculty member but will include the following:

1. At least 2 testing instruments including examinations and/or tests; specific number to be determined by the instructor;
2. Written assignments: The individual faculty member will determine specific number of written assignments; minimum of one such assignment such as:
  - Summaries of current events and their relation to course material;
  - Research project (topics may include any subject related to the course)

### **Other Course Information**

CRJU 252 is a Criminal Justice Studies elective.